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Dear Mr. Sheehan:

This is in response to your letter of October 22, 2002, regarding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) request for information pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601 et seq., in the matter of the Berry's Creek Study Area (the "Study Area"), Bergen County, New Jersey, October 11, 2002.

The principal purpose of EPA's information request is to understand the activities that may have resulted in the release of hazardous substances within and to the Study Area, as defined in the information request. Therefore, the Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA) should provide all detailed information requested regarding its facilities and operations located within the Study Area, not necessarily, as stated in your letter, only those in the vicinity of the Rutherford/East Rutherford/Carlstadt Joint Meeting ("RERC"), and the conveyance system to the BCUA treatment plant in Little Ferry.

EPA understands that the BCUA treatment plant in Little Ferry is not within the Study Area. Therefore, EPA concurs that the information provided by BCUA regarding the Little Ferry treatment plant may be more general, and should focus on providing an understanding of BCUA's operations as they may affect the Study Area.

Thank you for your cooperation in responding to EPA's information request. If you have further questions, please have your technical staff contact Mr. Seth Ausubel, Remedial Project Manager, at (212) 637-4976.

Sincerely yours,

Janet Conetta, Strategic Integration Manager
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cc: Gwen Zervas, NJDEP